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LONDON FOR THE VICE PRESIDENT

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: OVIP (MONDALE, WALTER F)
SUBJECT: PROPOSED EC STATEMENT ON MIDDLE EAST

1. AS HE TOLD THE VICE PRESIDENT HE WOULD DO, FOREIGN MINISTER GENSCHER HAS GIVEN ME A COPY OF THE DRAFT EC STATEMENT ON THE MIDDLE EAST PROPOSED FOR RELEASE FEBRUARY L. ACCORDING TO GENSCHER, THE LANGUAGE HAS BEEN AGREED AD REFERENDUM GOVERNMENTS BY HE EC POLITICAL DIRECTORS MEETING IN LONDON. GENSCHER IS INSTRUCTING THE FRG EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON TO THE EFFECT THE CHARGE (VON STADEN IS STILL IN BONN) SHOULD DISCUSS THE PROPOSED STATEMENT IMMEDIATELY WITH UNDERSECRETARY HABIB.

2. WE HAVE BEEN ASKED TO KEEP STRICTLY CONFIDENTIAL THE FACT THAT THE STATEMENT HAS BEEN GIVEN TO US. VAN WELL TOLD DE LABOULAYE AND HIBBERT IN LONDON THAT THE FRG WOULD BRIEF US ON GENSCHER'S TRIP TO THE MIDDLE EAST, BUT HE DID NOT TELL THEM THAT THE GERMANS WOULD PASS US THE DRAFT EC STATEMENT. GENSCHER CONFIRMED CONFIDENTIAL

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THAT HE WOULD WISH TO DISCUSS HIS MIDDLE EAST TRIP WITH ME FOLLOWING HIS RETURN.

3. IN PASSING THE DOCUMENT, GENSCHER'S OFFICE STRESSED THAT THE ONLY NEW ELEMENT IS THE FORMULATION CONCERNING REPRESENTATION OF THE PARTIES TO THE CONFLICT, INCLUDING THE PALESTINIANS. HE SAID THAT

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THE FRENCH WANTED TO INCLUDE ALL THE ELEMENTS FROM THE EC DECLARATION OF NOVEMBER 6, 1973, BUT THE GERMANS PREVAILED IN THEIR DESIRE FOR A SHORT STATEMENT FOCUSSING ON THE URGENCY OF PROGRESS. EMBASSY COMMENT: THE DRAFT DECLARATION IS VERY CLOSE TO THE DECLARATION WHICH THE FRG TOLD US IT WAS SEEKING. (SEE BONN 1239).

4. THE EMBASSY'S INFORMAL TRANSLATION OF THE ORIGINAL FRENCH TEXT OF THE DRAFT STATEMENT FOLLOWS:

BEGIN TEXT: DRAFT DECLARATION BY THE MINISTERS REGARDING THE MIDDLE EAST

THE RECENT PROGRESSION OF EVENTS IN THE MIDDLE EAST HAVING SHOWN SERIOUS POSSIBILITIES FOR NEGOTIATIONS, THE STATES OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY DEEM IT OPPORTUNE TO EXPRESS THEIR DIRECT INTEREST IN SEEING THAT RAPID PROGRESS BE MADE TOWARDS A GLOBAL SOLUTION TO THE CONFLICT. INDEED, PERSISTENCE OF THE "NEITHER WAR NOR PEACE" SITUATION COULD ONLY DANGEROUSLY AFFECT SECURITY BOTH IN THE REGION AND IN THE WORLD.

IN THIS SPIRIT, THE NINE REAFFIRM THAT A PEACE AGREEMENT MUST BE BASED ON RESOLUTIONS 242 AND 338 OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL AND THE PRINCIPLES OF THEIR JOINT DECLARATION OF NOVEMBER 6, 1973:

- THE INADMISSIBILITY OF ACQUISITION OF TERRITORY BY FORCE,

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- THE NECESSITY FOR ISRAEL TO END ITS TERRITORIAL OCCUPATION MAINTAINED SINCE THE CONFLICT OF 1967,

- RESPECT FOR THE SOVEREIGNTY, TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY, AND INDEPENDENCE OF EACH STATE IN THE REGION AND THEIR (SIC) RIGHT TO LIVE IN PEACE WITHIN SECURE AND AGREED BORDERS,

- THE ACKNOWLEDGEMENT THAT, IN THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A JUST AND DURABLE PEACE, THE LEGITIMATE RIGHTS OF THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE WILL HAVE TO BE TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT.

HOWEVER, WE SHOULD LIKE ONCE AGAIN TO CONFIRM OUR VERY FIRM OPINION THAT ALL ASPECTS MUST BE CONSIDERED AS A WHOLE. IN THE SAME WAY THAT WE FEEL ISRAEL, IN

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THE FRAMEWORK OF A SETTLEMENT, MUST BE PREPARED TO RECOGNIZE THE RIGHTS OF THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE, SO DO WE FEEL THAT THE ARAB SIDE MUST BE PREPARED TO RECOGNIZE ISRAEL'S RIGHT TO LIVE IN PEACE WITHIN SECURE AND AGREED BORDERS.

AS FAR AS THE LEGITIMATE RIGHTS OF PALESTINIANS ARE CONCERNED, THE NINE CONSIDER THAT A SOLUTION OF THE MIDDLE EAST CONFLICT WILL BE POSSIBLE ONLY IF THE LEGITIMATE RIGHT OF THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE TO ITS NATIONAL IDENTITY IS EFFECTIVELY TRANSLATED INTO REALITY. IN THIS REGARD$ THEY CONFIRM, AS STATED BY THEIR REPRESENTATIVE IN NEW YORK ON DECEMBER 7, 1976, THAT "THE EXERCISE OF THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE'S RIGHT TO EFFECTIVE EXPRESSION OF ITS NATIONAL IDENTITY MIGHT INCLUDE A TERRITORIAL BASE IN THE FRAMEWORK OF A NEGOTIATED SETTLEMENT."

CONSEQUENTLY, THE STATES OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY CONSIDER THAT THE PEACE NEGOTIATIONS, WHICH SEEK TO DEFINE AND TO PUT INTO EFFECT A GLOBAL, JUST AND DURABLE SETTLEMENT OF THE CONFLICT, MUST AGAIN BECOME AN URGENT MATTER. THEY APPRECIATE THE EFFORTS MADE TO THIS END BY THE U.N. SECRETARY GENERAL UNDER THE TERMS
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OF RESOLUTION 31/62 ADOPTED DECEMBER 9, 1976 BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE UNITED NATIONS. THEY CONSIDER THAT THE REPRESENTATIVES OF THE PARTIES TO THE CONFLICT, INCLUDING THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE, MUST TAKE PART IN AN APPROPRIATE MANNER (TO BE DEFINED IN CONSULTATION WITH ALL THE INTERESTED PARTIES). THEY EARNESTLY URGE ALL PARTIES TO TAKE THE NECESSARY MEASURES TO ENCOURAGE THE REOPENING OF REALISTIC AND CONSTRUCTIVE NEGOTIATIONS ON THIS BASIS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. END TEXT.
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